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RICHMOND, VA., TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 17, 1878.

Richmond Dispatch.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH S LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCU-LATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWS-PAPERS OF THE CITY.

TUESDAY..... DECEMBER 17, 1878.

ELECTION OF JUDGES.

[Communicated.] Hampton Bar and Judge Montague. Editors Dispatch: In your issue of December 12th there appeared an article copied from the Alexandria Gazette, and written by its Richmond correspondent, in which reference is made to a memorial in circulation among members of the Legislature alleged to be "signed by many members of the Hampton bar," in which grave charges are brought against Judge R. L. Montague, of the Eighth circuit, and praying that he be removed, &c. Now, Messrs. Editors, in justice to the distinguished gentleman and high-toned and accomplished judge who has been thus assailed, I desire to state that the first charge against Judge Montague is that "he is a politician, and no lawyer." Now, this is a matter of opinion in part, and in part a matter of fact. As to the former, can any proof be adduced that since his election to the bench Judge Montague has in any manner, or to any degree, mingled in politics, made any political speech, or striven in any mode inconsistent with the dignity or purity of his judicial station to control or influence political sentiment? If it be averred be has, let the proof be adduced. It is not believed by Judge Montague's friends that he has. Is this charge to be taken as true? That he prior to his election as judge was distinguished for his abilities and political information, as a leader of political sentiment in his State, and was appreciated as such, the elevated and responsible positions as legislator and Lieutenant-Governor tes-As to the other portion of their charge,

let the opinion of the four members of the Hampton bar, who are the "many members" referred to by the correspondent of the Alexandria Gazette, be weighed against the opinion of the seven members of the same bar, who have testified in their counter-memorial to the Assembly to his "honesty, fairness, ability, and dignity, and that his decisions in Elizabeth City county have given general satisfaction to suitors and the majority of attorneys practicing at that and states that the memorial of the four attorneys who signed the memorial against Judge Montague "reflects unjustly upon his character as a judge and a lawyer,' and urges his reelection. And this countermemorial is also endorsed by all the county officers of Ehzabeth City county without a single exception and by a large number of citizens of that county.

The other charges are that Judge Montague "delays answering questions of law and fact, tacks dignity, and gives his opinion beforehand, encourages instead of suppressing altercations between members of the bar," &c., are denied by the countermemorialists, and should, so far as they are matters of fact, be sustained by proof. who know the kindness and amiability of Judge Montague's character by long and familiar acquaintance will be surprised at so marvellous a change, and are loth to credit it. My information is that he has shown himself a peace-maker and a suppresser, not a stirrer of strife. And how as a judge he is chargeable with delaying to facts show a numerical increase of memberanswer matters of fact is not perceived, as ship as follows: Richmond churches, 56 per that is a question for the jury and not for the judge who presides. And surely if he Petersburg churches, 37 per cent.; Nortakes time to reflect on doubtful questions of law it should be remembered that the maxim on the coat-of-arms of England's greatest law-chancellor, Eldon, was "Sat cito, si sat benc."

I have nothing to say as to the motives of the four attorneys who signed the memorial against Judge Montague's reelection. I presume whatever they be the members of the Assembly will look to the proof of the facts alleged, and weigh in the same scales the value of the opinion of those who present them as grounds of their action. 1 am, with great respect. JOHN BOOKER, of the Hampton bar.

[Communicated.] Another Reply to the Anti-Montague Memorial. RICHMOND, December 16, 1878.

To the Editors of the Dispatch: I notice in your issue of the 12th instant an article copied from the Alexandria Gazette, which article alludes to a memorial said to be signed by many members of the quoted correctly it is not only severe, but so unjust that every man of sense who knows Judge Montague must blush for its authors. The memorial sets forth that "Judge

Montague is untit for the place"; "is a politician, and no lawyer." Let his record speak for him. In three years appeals from his judgments and decrees have been asked ginia Court of Appeals. (See Bunting vs. the judgments rendered and decrees probeen eighteen considered erroneous by for appeal eight have been refused, two have now pending. The case of Booker's adm'r an appeal from decree of Judge Garrison. I may further say that two important murder | pounds. cases have been tried before Judge Montague in Elizabeth City (counsel electing this court), and, while the trials were protracted and tedious, the record will show that in neither case was exception taken to the rulings of Judge Montague. The case of Com. vs. Georgianna Brooks, in the Circuit Court of New Kent (counsel electing this

three days; no exception, as record will "Delays answering questions of law and fact," and yet in the next sentence says lacks dignity, gives his opinion beforehand." It seems to me the last sentence takes away all the force of the first, even admitting the first to be true. No judge can withhold his opinion in a question of fact, and every judge should well consider every grave question of law. Every one acquainted with Judge Montague knows his easy, cordial manner, and because he does not choose to assume the supercilious dignity which

court), indictment for arson, trial lasting

charged with lack of dignity. "Encourages instead of suppressing alteneations between members of the bar." I am advised of only two altereations of any moment which have occurred in Judge Montague's circuit since he has been upon the bench. The one in Hampton; the parties thereto were promptly fined. The other in Williamsburg; parties fined and bound over to keep the peace.

In addition to what is said above, permit At the Paris Exposition THIS BEAND took the FIRST PREMIUM among a large number of competitors in which many awards were granted. It is undombtedly the BEST FLOUR ON THE MARKET. Every harrel WARRANTED TO GIVE PERFECT SATISFACTION. Ask your grocer for THIS BRAND and take no other.

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THIS OF THE MILLIANTED TO GIVE City and New Kent; that I have taken some trouble to inform myself, and I say, without fear of successful contradiction, that four de 5-eod2w fifths of his bar cordially endorse him; and, Peace. if left to the people, eight tenths would support him, all of which will appear by reference to petitions sent last winter to the General Assembly of Virginia.

This much truth and the vindication of a and have on hand a supply of useful and pure Christian gentleman have demanded at ornamental articles, as well as everything A MEMBER OF THE BAR my hands. for Eighth judicial circuit.

THE LAW-MAKERS.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY .- For the South Atlantic States, northeast to northwest winds, stationary pressure and temperature, and partly cloudy weather. For the Middle Atlantic States, northwest to southwest winds, stationary or slightly lower temperature, rising barome-

WEATHER REPORT.

ter, partly cloudy weather, with occasional light snow in the interior. THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was, during the early part of the day, clear and cool; at night it was cloudy and threatening. THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 36 9 A. M., 38; noon, 48; 3 P. M., 43; 6 P.

Mean temperature, 394. LOCAL MATTERS.

M., 39; midnight, 32.

CHURCH NOTES .- At St. Paul's church on Sunday night Rev. Mr. Hundley was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Whittle. Dr. Minnigerode delivered the sermon. Among the other clergymen present were Rev. J. G. Armstrong, Rev. H. S. Kepler, Rev. Dr. Peterkin, Rev. R. S. Barrett, and

Bishop Whittle visited Christ church on Sunday morning and administered the rite of confirmation. His sermon was from St. Luke, 15th chapter and 7th verse. At its close he delivered a very solemn and impressive charge to the candidates, setting orth in simple and beautiful language the responsibilities of the Christian life and the necessity for an entire change in feeling towards God from that experienced beforehand. He addressed himself particularly to the heads of families, and urged them to set up the family altar in their homes. The Bishop then gave out the familiar hymn, "O Happy Day that Stays my Choice," and invited the candidates to assemble around the chancel-railing while it was being sung. Fourteen males and six females-all grown persons-responded to the invitation. The rector of the church expected to present six more to the Bishop, but they were detained by sickness and for other unavoidable reasons. Although the weather was very inclement the church was

well filled. At the Grace-Street Baptist church in the morning Rev. J. L. Carroll preached a splendid sermon, which interested and tirred the audience. One person was received by letter during the week.

At the Second Baptist church Rev. B. Cade, of West Virginia, preached in the morning an effective sermon to an interested and attentive congregation. At Fulton Baptist church there have been two professions of conversion during

the week, and several other inquirers. The meetings go on during the week. At Pine-Street Baptist church the pastor paptized seven persons during the week, making twenty-five additions in all during the series of meetings. The night-meetings

go on this week. Since the adjournment of Conference the Methodist preachers have reorganized their meetings, and elected Rev. John E. Edwards, D. D., president for the year, and Rev. A. G. Brown, secretary. At Centenary church there have been

since last report three additions by certificate; Manchester, two-one by certificate and one by profession of faith; Park-Place, one addition by certificate. On motion of Rev. A. G. Brown, Dr. gathered by him showing the actual procities of the Virginia Conference in the last nineteen years, from November, 1859. These

cent.; Lynchburg churches, 72 per cent.; tolk churches, 57 per cent.; Portsmouth churches, 22 per cent.; Danville churches, 110 per cent.; Manchester churches, 62 per cent. The improvement in the Conference exclusive of these cities has been 27 per

The Methodist churches (except Centenary) were all closed on Sunday night in consequence of the rain.

At a regular meeting of the Missionary Society of Leigh-Street Baptist church held on Sunday afternoon the following officers were elected for the ensuing term : President, W. A. O. Cole; Vice-President, Samuel Reynolds; Recording Secretary, F. R. ditor, Thomas T. Hardwicke; Librarian, William H. Gathright.

At a regular meeting of the officers and teachers of Pine-Street Baptist Church Sunday school held Sunday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year : Superintendent. Evan Snead; Assistant Superintendent, James Howle; Secre-"Hampton bar." The memorial is (said to tary, C. E. Hill; Treasurer, John H. Rogers; be) severe upon Judge Montague. If it is Librarian, Thomas Williams; Chorister, James Calder; Organist, G. J. Hooper, Jr. The treasurer presented his report for the past year, which showed that \$252.80 had been received into the treasury.

THE TOBACCO TRADE .- At the Tobacco as judge since the 1st day of April, 1875, Exchange transactions seem to be growing small by degrees and beautifully less. The breaks for the week ending Saturday in eighteen cases. Ten appeals have been consisted of 338 hogsheads and 12 tierces. allowed and eight rejected. Of the ten At auction on 'Change 127 packages were allowed, eight are now pending, and two offered. Of this number 70 were taken in judgments have been affirmed-one by and 57 sold. Prices ranged at from \$1.10 Judge Hughes, and the other by the Vir- to \$17; number of private sales, 263; total, 310-hogsheads, 284; tierces, 26. In Wise, 27 Grat., 144.) Thus showing, of all this is included 13 hogsheads of western tobacco. At Shockoe warehouse 308,300 nounced in three years, there have only pounds of loose tobacco were sold at prices ranging from \$1 to \$9.25. At Crenshaw counsel; and of these eighteen applications | warehouse 225,341 pounds were sold-total for the week. 528,641. For the present week been allowed and affirmed, and eight are it is expected that the transactions in loose will be as large if not larger than for the vs. Booker's rep., reported in 29th Grat., is week past. The quantity of loose tobacco sold since September 30th is 1,206,969

TOBACCO STEMMERS OR STRIPPERS .- The total number of hogsheads and tierces shipped to Great Britain and Australia from Richmond, Farmville, and Lynchburg. since January 1st up to this time is as fol-

Richmond: Virginia hogsheads, 1,978 Virginia tierces, 1,714; western hogsheads, 324; western tierces, 283.

Farmville: Virginia hogsheads, 112; Virginia tierces, 2. Lynchburg: Virginia hogsheads, 3,006: Virginia tierces, 101; western hogsheads, 25.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 14, 1878 .- Lots fronting 572 feet on Franklin street corner of Sixth at \$14,300; 29 feet on Marshall street between First and Adams at \$3,200; 41 feet on Twenty-seventh street between Clay and Leigh at \$700; 30 feet on Broad street corner Pine at \$1,200; 20 feet on Bank street between Ninth and Tenth at \$1,600; 50s feet on Franklin street corner Twelfth at \$5,400; 244 feet on Franklin street corner Thirteenth at \$6,000.

PERSONAL .- The visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yesterday were M. M. Welch, Pennsylvania railroad; N. L. Johnston, Texas; R. P. Williams, Newbern, N. C.; James A. Moon, Henrico; Daniel Lyon, Danville; and J. C. Birdsong, Petersburg. Mr. W. D. Jones, of Philadelphia, with

Unclaimed.—Small packages addressed as follows remain unclaimed in the Richmend post-office: John W. Bahr, Edgar Macon, W. R. Haurand, and Thomas H.

ST. JAMES CHURCH FAIR .- The ladies of St. James church are holding a fair at No. 785 Main street for the benefit of the church, good to eat in the sweet and substantial

ELECTION OF CIRCUIT JUDGES TO-DAY-THE FINANCES OF THE STATE-PROBA-BILITY OF A CONFERENCE WITH THE CREDITORS-HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILD-ING-THE GOODE-FRAYSER INVESTIGA-TION, &c.

The two houses of the General Assembly will to-day at 1 o'clock proceed to the election of circuit judges. Judge George Blow, of the First circuit; S. S. Weisiger, of the Second; G. A. Wingfield, of the Fifth; Beverly R. Wellford, of the Seventh; J. M. Jeffries, of the -; James Keith, of the Eleventh; Robert H. Turner, of the Twelfth: J. H. Fulton, of the Fifteenth; and John A. Kelly, of the Sixteenth, will, it is generally understood, have no opposition.

Judge George T. Garrison, of the Seventeenth, and Mark Byrd, of the Eighteenth circuits, were elected to circuits created ofter the State was first divided into circuits. Their terms will not expire for several years to come.

Judge Asa D. Dickinson, of the Third circuit, has a competitor in Major Willis J. Dance, member of the House from Powhatan county. Judge Tredway, of the Fourth circuit, will not be a candidate for reelection. Mr. Berryman Green of Danville, Colonel John E. Penn of Patrick, Mr. Whittle of Henry, and Mr. Nelson of Franklin, are mentioned in connection with the place. The friends of the two first named seem to be most active.

Judge John L. Cochran, of Albemarle, will probably be run against Judge Henry Shackleford, of the Sixth circuit. Judge Robert L. Montague, and Delegate B. W. Lacy, ex-judge of the County Court of New Kent, are candidates for the jadgeship of the Eighth circuit. Judge W. S. Barton and Hon. John Critcher contend for the honors of the Tenth circuit. Major James B. Dorman, of Lexington, will be run against Judge W. M. McLaughlin, of the Thirteenth circuit. James T. Johnston, Esq., member of the House from Giles, is spoken of as a probable candidate against Judge Henry E. Blair, of the Fourteenth circuit.

James F. Crocker was mentioned at one time as a candidate against Judge Blow. It chester will be tried. is now stated that he has withdrawn. Captain J. H. Wood, of Washington, was spoken of as a candidate against Judge Kelly, but has asked that his name shall not be so used. The two houses will be engaged for seve-

ral days in electing judges. Quite a number of speeches have been prepared by members who have favorites to urge. There will be no caucus nominations. PROPOSED BUILDING ON CAPITOL SQUARE.

An appeal to individuals for funds to aid the Virginia Historical Society to erect a building for the preservation of their papers. &c., was laid upon the desks of members yesterday. The committee say : "The site selected for this building is

that part of the Capitol Square now forming the southern portion of the Governor's grounds. It is at once the handsomest and the evidence failing to fix the guilt on the he was able to assure the other side that he the most appropriate location for the pur- parties, he would dismiss the case. pose in the city. In the petition for the grant of its use to the Society the Governor with having in their possession one pocketwill gladly join, and as the object sought is book containing \$10, and one lot of jewelry the preservation of the Commonwealth' history, no apprehension whatever is felt On motion of Rev. A. G. Brown, Dr. that the Legislature will refuse to respond Sledd was requested to publish the statistics favorably to the request. The building will of stealing one lot of fish from Alexander be in the Elizabethan style of architecture. Jonathan, was given twenty-five lashes. gress of Methodism in Richmond and other Virginia was founded in the reign of Queen Bess, and was named in her honor. Taking the prevailing cost of materials and labor, and \$50,000 will do the work. Of course, with a larger fund the building could be handsomely garnished; but this we do not

" A definite project is thus presented, and the good offices of every lover of the Old Dominion, looking to its successful accomplishment, are most earnestly invoked.

the memory of our past that to no shrine cal hits at the follies and leading topics of THE MOST ATTRACTIVE PLACE IN THE CITY. could our children repair with more absolute the day. The cast of characters embraces profit than to this house. And not our the best local talent of the city, assisted by hildren alone, but every one bound to a first-class orchestra and chorus, all under Virginia, by interest or affection, through- the direction of Professor Charles L. Siegel. out this and the mother country. On its The entertainment is for the benefit of the walls would be preserved the portraits of Retreat for the Sick, one of our most dethe men who have filled our annals with serving charities. The scenery, costumes, glory, and gathered within its precincts and stage accessories will be of the best de-Butler; Corresponding Secretary, Arthur B. Clarke; Treasurer, W. F. Crump; Au- would stand with credit in the future? would stand with credit in the future."

> CONFERENCE WITH THE BONDHOLDERS. The House Finance Committee will meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon especially to consider the subject of the State debt.

The proposition of Speaker Allen to invite the creditors to a conference, to be held in this city some time in January, meets with considerable favor from members generally, but is opposed by the ultra readjusters, who would prefer to pass the Bar-

THE PRINTING INVESTIGATION. The joint Committee on Printing yesterday evening examined Jul. L. Wright, John E. Hankins, George W. Gary, Amos

ter of the charges preferred by James E. Goode against Richard E. Frayser. The inquiries were mainly directed to asintendent of Public Printing. The committee adjourned to meet Wednesday at 4 o'clock P. M.

THE DEAD CONVICTS. The committees of the two houses of the

General Assembly on prisons met in the Senate chamber last night—Senator Quesenberry in the chair-to investigate the causes of the fearful mortality which prevailed amongst the convicts employed on the canal; nine per cent. of them having died during the past fiscal year. Dr. Walker, Surgeon of the Penitentiary; Colonel Swann, Superintendent of the Penitentiary; Colonel Cary, president of the Board of Directors, and Major J. W. Johnston, superintendent of the canal company, made statements.

It appeared (mainly from Dr. Walker's account) that out of about 350 men, mostly negroes, 32 died; that the officers in charge near Tye river did not report to Richmond the sickness until it was very widespread; that the men were insufficiently clothed (only one shirt a piece), badly housed, covered with vermin, and not dieted as they should have been.

The testimony was such as to exonerate Major Johnston and the officers of the penitentiary and to place the responsibility upon Dr. James, the physician in charge; Mr. Mayo, the officer of the guard; and Colonel Jolliffe, engineer on the part of the James River and Kanawha Company. The disease which prevailed was, in the opinion of Dr. Walker, scurvy. Dr. James, however, did not recognize it as scurvy.

Captain Carpenter was the regular officer of the guard, but having met with an accident, Mr. Mayo took his place, and it was during the latter's incumbency that the greatest sickness prevailed. Both of these the State authorities. Mr. Koiner offered the following:

Resolved. That in the opinion of this committee there has been no culpable negligence in the care and management of the me to add, Messrs. Editors, that I am adquainted, was in the city Saturday and vised that every senator and delegate from Sunday.

whom many of our merchants are acconvicts on the part of the officials of the James River and Kanawha Canal Company, Street Methodist church will give their but that the mortality and exposure which regular monthly sociable in the lecture-room the convicts suffered were incident to the of the church at 8 o'clock. speedy prosecution of the work, the diffithe best attention and supplies, and to in. Wingfield alias William Brown (colored), culty of making them comfortable, securing prisoners for a short time.

> over the convicts at the time be summoned to give their evidence.

resolution, and favored the proposition of [Senator Bland.

Senator Koiner did not press his resolution. He did not expect that it would pass; committee.

that Dr. James, Captain Carpenter, Mr. following insurance: Mayo, Colonel Jolliffe, and others, be summoned to appear before the committee on the 8th of January.

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS .- The highest rcported price paid for tobacco yesterday on Change was \$18.25. One package was withdrawn at \$30.

At the Stock Board yesterday 120 was offered and refused for Richmond city 8's. Henrico County Court meets to-day at 11 o'clock A. M. The case of William Bates, charged with larceny, will be called.

The sales of loose tobacco will be resumed this morning at Shockoe and Crenshaws'

warehouses.

Remember the lecture of W. W. Berry, Esq., at Trinity church to-night, on the Comic Side of Life." There were some eight or ten Masonic.

Pythian, Odd-Fellows, military, and other meetings held last night. The Russian bark Lennater, Ludgren master, cleared yesterday for Dunkirk, France, with 3,551 barrels of crude petroeum, valued at \$14,300, shipped by C. Ed-

ward Buck, agent. The amount of United States internal revenue collected yesterday was \$8,296.37. The German bark Anna Von Klein, Knaack master, entered yesterday in ballast from Hull, England, to load flour for Brazil for the Haxall-Crenshaw Company. The coastwise receipts yesterday were coal, hay, and apples. One cargo of coal

was shipped. The total receipts at the city treasury for the week ending December 14th was \$11,-156.82. Deputy-Sergeant Tyler yesterday carried

B. M. Dunleavy to the penitentiary to serve one year for assisting prisoners to escape from the city jail. UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT .- Judge | that the Board of Public Works was neither

cuit Court of the United States to-day, when | plea that the Commonwealth had never authe case of Ericcson vs. The City of Manmorrow.

POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY-Justice Joseph J. White presiding.—Four students of that the question was a most grave and seri-Richmond College were before the Police ous one, and one which went to the foun-Justice charged with cutting off the tail of dation of the whole proceeding; but that a cow belonging to Policeman B. M. Angel. he could not determine it until it was pre-Mr. Samuel B. Witt, counsel for the stu- sented duly in the course of pleading, and dents, acknowledged that the students at he thought this could not be done until the the college had in a freak of fun tied two cause came on for final hearing. He therecows' tails together, when one, starting off fore sustained the motion to reject the piea. sooner than was anticipated, had severed An order was accordingly entered overrulher caudal appendage, but he denied that | ing the demurrer and rejecting the plea, but the accused had been guilty of the act. On giving the defendant leave to amend his an-behalf of the students he expressed their swer and incorporate the plea in it, and regret that their fun had gone so far as to General Johnson, by his counsel, Mr. Royinflict suffering upon the animal and damage all, renewing his motion to have the final upon the owner, which they were willing bearing of the cause fixed for some carly day, to pay for. The Police Justice stated that | the Attorney-General stated that he thought

Emma Tibbs and Kate Page, charged term. valued at \$86, the property of Call. Discharged.
Mat. Lewis alias Taylor (colored), guilty

John Mitchell and George Smith, tramp were sent to jail in default of surety. Henry Lewis (colored), arrested for vagrancy, was jailed in default of surety.

"OUR HEIRESS"-A RICH TREAT IN PROS-PECT.-The well-known local musical extravaganza "Our Heiress" will be reproduced in this city at Mozart Hall next Friday night. Since its last presentation it has been considerably improved, and bristles "We need say to no man moved at all by with light and sparkling music and new loscription. The great merits of the extravaworthy object for which it is presented, should be sufficient to ensure it a hearty reception and a crowded house. Reserved seats can be had at Wyatt's on and after to-

day at 9 o'clock A. M. THE MOSAIC-A SCRAP OF PAPER.-The Mosaic Club, composed of the élite of the city, gave their second entertainment this season at the Virginia Opera-House last night, and presented the comedietta, "A Scrap of Paper," with the following east: Prosper Couramont, Dr. James McCaw Baron de La Glaciere, Mr. Andrew Ellett; Brisemouche (landed proprietor and naturatist), Mr. Manly Curry; Anatole (his K. Henry, and Theodore Johns in the mat- ward), Mr. Walter Upshur; Louise de La Glaciere, Miss Alice W. Cabell; Mad'lle Suzanne de Ruseville (her cousin), Mrs. E. C. Minor; Mathilde (sister to Louise), Miss certain what qualifications are necessary for | Camille Scott; Mad'lle Zenobie (sister to an officer to discharge the duties of Super- Brisemouche). Miss Jeannie Pleasants; Pau-

line (maid), Miss Belle Webb. The performance was highly enjoyable, and at its conclusion there was a delightful supper and dance.

THE THEATRE-RAYMOND .- "Risks; or, Insure Your Life," was presented at the Theatre last night to an audience of moderate numbers, Mr. John T. Raymond taking support was very good, and the evening's entertainment thoroughly agreeable and satisfactory to all present.

To-night will be played "Uncle Dick's Darling" and the immortal "Toodles." All those who don't want to be put in good humor should stay away. It will be no place for a man who wishes to keep a "sour" face upon bim. Friday night Miss Charlotte Thompson

will commence a brief engagement here, and

DR. EATON'S LECTURE LAST NIGHT,-A select and appreciative audience greeted Dr. Eaton, of Petersburg, at St. John's lecture-room last night, when he repeated his lecture on "Poor Kin." The lecture is a great success. Its bumorous side abounds in practical hits and keen satire, while its graver side is eloquent in practical suggestion and Christian truth. All who heard the lecture will be improved by it. The ludierous in many lives was made apparent, while vital truths were revealed with force. We should be glad to know that this lecture was repeated over the State.

THE MINSTRELS-MOZART HALL.-Barlow, Wilson, Primrose & West's Minstrels will appear at Mozart Hall to-night and tomorrow night. It is represented as one of officers and Dr. James were appointed by the best companies now travelling. Richmond has always literally patronized such entertainments, and probably will not be recreant in her duty to these.

SOCIABLE AT THE BROAD-STREET METHO-

THE GOOCHLAND MURDER.-Charles experience, and, probably, slight neglect arrested by Sergeant Hall for the murder of in one direction by always using DooLEY's YEASTof subordinate employes in charge of the Mrs. Drinnard and the robbery of Mr. Powder. It will be found a truly economical and the other officials who were in charge of or jail there about two months.

ator Bland objected to Senator Koiner's Ellyson & Yancey, 1112 Main street.

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THE LATE FIRE .- The loss occasioned by the burning of Messrs. T. C. Williams & Co.'s extensive tobacco factory on Sunday morning-a fuli account of which appeared he merely desired to test the sense of the in the Dispatch yesterday-will not be as beavy as at first apprehended, and will not After consultation the committee ordered exceed \$69,000; upon which there is the

> On fixtures: Pennsylvania Insurance Company, of Philadelphia. Fire Association of Philadelphia.... Petersburg Savings and Insurance 4.000 60 \$9.000 00

\$5,000 00 5,000 00 Merchants and Mechanics, of Rich-5,000 00

On outside framed building: Royal Insurance Company of Liver-.\$59,500 00 Total insurance ...

oss on building, which was owned by Mr. James Thomas, Jr., and which was uninsured..... The stock was almost entirely destroyed. The fixtures were not very seriously dam-

Messrs. Williams & Co.'s western trade will not be affected, as that portion of their business was conducted in an undestroyed portion of the factory. Their loss will be heavy to their southern trade.

The condition of the injured firemen yesterday was improved.

THE CIRCUIT COURT-COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VS. GENERAL B. T. JOHNSON .-General Johnson having decurred to the bill because the Board of Public Works are not made parties, and pleaded specially that the Commonwealth had never authorized the suit to be brought, both in order that he might be protected in the future against further suits, Judge Wellford yes terday morning announced it as his opinion Hughes is in the city, and will open the Cir- a necessary nor a proper party. As to the thorized the suit to be brought, he held that the question could not be determined upon the plea. For if it was true, then the Commonwealth was not before the Court; she could not reply to the plea, and he could not reply to the plea, and he could enter no independent of the year and estate agents in Richmond, and appears to the present the could by all the real estate agents in Richmond, and appears to the pleas and the could enter no independent to the pleas and the could enter the could estate agents in Richmond, and appears to the present year that sales of the present year have to be paid by the purchases of the present year have to be paid by the purchases of the latter of Juneary and last o A grand jury will be summoned for to- the plea. For if it was true, then the Comenter no judgment against her. He said would be ready for a trial by February

> THE VERDICT OF THE PEOPLE is that

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TO BONDHOLDERS. The transfer books of the BONDED DEBT of the CITY OF RICHMOND will be closed on the 20TH INSTANT, and reopened on the 18T DAY OF JANUARY, 1879.

J. B. ROYSTER, Auditor.